

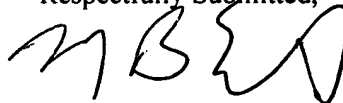
REMARKS

Reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-22 stand allowed, and claims 23-25 stand rejected under 35 USC §102(b) over Huang et al. Applicants appreciate the indication of allowable subject matter, but respectfully disagree with the §102 rejections since they require that a reference disclose exactly what an Applicant has claimed. In this case, Applicants' claim requires that the carrier itself include a ball valve seat, and there appears to be no dispute that the thing identified as the Huang et al. carrier fails to show this feature of Applicants claimed invention. In other words, Applicants' claimed invention requires that the ball valve seat be included as part of the carrier, not included as some component carried by the carrier as in Huang et al. Nevertheless, Applicants have cancelled the rejected claims rendering the rejections moot.

This application is believed to be in condition for allowance of claims 1-22. However, if the Examiner believes that some minor additional amendment or clarification would overcome the restriction requirement or otherwise put the application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at (812) 333-5355 in order to hasten the prosecution of this application.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'MBE', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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